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SUBJECT: GENERAL AGREEMENT: FISHERIES TECHNOLOGY;
VISIT OF U.S. WHITE AMUR SPECIALISTS TO USSR

REQUEST EMBASSY PASS FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO MS. ANNE
DARBYSHIRE, OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, U.S. EMBASSY

REF: STATE 307875

1. DEAR ANNE:

THE STATE OF FLORIDA IS READY TO SEND TWO, NOT THREE, AS
PREVIOUSLY INDICATED WHITE AMUR (CTENOPHARYNGODON
IDELLA VAL.) SPECIALISTS TO THE USSR MAY 7 - JUNE 7.

2. U.S. SPECIALISTS WOULD LIKE TO VISIT MOSCOW, LENINGRAD,
ASTRAKHAN, ASHKHABAD, IRKUTSK IF POSSIBLE ALMA ATA,
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KHABAROVSK AND LOCATIONS ALONG THE AMUR RIVER INCLUDING
BLAGO VESHCHENSK, NIKOLAEVSK (DELTA AREA) AND HEAD WATERS
AT MAGDAGACHI.

3. IN MOSCOW, U.S. SPECIALISTS REQUEST MEETINGS WITH
DR. V. K. VINOGRADOV, ALL UNION INSTITUTE OF INTERNAL
RESERVOIRS, DR. G. NIKOLSKY, LABORATORY OF ICHTHYOLOGY,

MGU AND DR. N. S. STROGANOV, DEPARTMENT OF HYDROBIOLOGY, MGU. TOPICS OF SPECIAL INTEREST INCLUDE: BREEDING PROGRAMS, TECHNIQUES FOR ARTIFICIAL SPAWNING, HATCHING FACILITIES AND GROW-OUT AREAS, GENETIC MANIPULATIONS, NATURAL PREDATORS, HARVESTING AND CAPTURING TECHNIQUES AND MANAGEMENT METHODS FOR PROTEIN PRODUCTION.

4. IN LENINGRAD, U.S. SPECIALISTS WISH TO MEET WITH DR. M. A. ANDRIASHEUA, STATE RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF LAKE AND RIVER FISHERIES, AND DR. O. N. BAUER, ZOOLOGICAL INSTITUTE, U.S. HERE U.S. SPECIALISTS WISH TO STUDY PARASITES AND DISEASES AND GENETIC MANIPULATION.

5. IN ASTRAHAN, U.S. SPECIALISTS ARE INTERESTED IN NATURAL SPAWNING OF INTRODUCED WHITE AMUR IN THE VOLGA RIVER, EFFECTS ON WATER QUALITY, POPULATION MAINTENANCE AND REMOVAL TECHNIQUES AND PRODUCTION CAPACITY. MEETINGS WITH SOVIET EXPERTS IN THESE FIELDS WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

6. IN ASHKHABAD, U.S. SCIENTISTS REQUEST VISIT WITH DR. D. S. ALIYEV, INSTITUTE OF ZOOLOGY, TURKMEN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES. TOPICS OF EXPLORATION: USE OF WHITE AMUR FOR WEED CONTROL IN THE KARAKUM CANAL SYSTEM, NATURAL SPAWNING OF INTRODUCED WHITE AMUR IN THE AMU DARYA RIVER, TARGET AQUATIC WEEDS, STOCKING RATES FOR WEED CONTROL, SIZE OF STOCKED FISH, CRITERIA FOR NATURAL SPAWNING OF INTRODUCED WHITE AMUR (PHYSICAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL PARAMETERS SUCH AS LENGTH OF RIVER, FLOW RATE, TEMPERATURE AND PHOTO PERIOD).

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7. IN ALMA ATA, SUBJECTS FOR STUDY SHOULD FEATURES: NATURAL SPAWNING OF INTRODUCED WHITE AMUR IN THE ILI RIVER, EFFECTS ON LAKE BALKHASH, NATURAL VEGETATION, MIGRATION HABITS. CONTACTS WITH SOVIET EXPERTS APPRECIATED.

8. IN IRKUTSK, U.S. SPECIALISTS DESIRE TO COMPARE ASSOCIATED RIVERS AND LAKE BAIKAL WITH LAKE BALKHASK AND ILI RIVER. (WHITE AMUR HAS NOT BEEN INTRODUCED IN LAKE BAIKAL). IN ADDITION THEY WISH TO EXAMINE NATURAL VEGETATION AND WATER QUALITY.

9. THE AMUR RIVER REGION IS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST AS A NATIVE HABITAT IN ORDER TO STUDY THE INDIGENOUS POPULATIONS OF THE FISH AND TO EXAMINE WATER QUALITY, POPULATION ESTIMATES, NATURAL ENEMIES, FOOD SOURCES, IMPACT ON NATIVE FISHES, OTHER TYPES OF FISHES NATIVE TO AMUR RIVER, LONGEVITY AND FECUNDITY, MIGRATION HABITS AND CRITERIA FOR NATURAL SPAWNING.

10. THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA IS WILLING TO EXAMINE THE POSSIBILITY OF VISIT BY A RECIPROCAL DELEGATION FROM USSR IN 1978 TO COLLABORATE IN ECOLOGICAL STUDIES OF MUTUAL INTEREST. BOTH VISITS WOULD BE CONDUCTED ON SENDING SIDE PAYS BASIS.

11. PLEASE INDICATE TO WHAT EXTENT THE ABOVE ITINERARY AND RESEARCH PROGRAM COULD BE IMPLEMENTED. INDICATE IF SOVIET INTEREST EXISTS IN EXCHANGE VISIT. ALSO PLEASE INFORM WHO SOVIET CONTACT IS IN MOSCOW FOR VISIT BY U.S. SPECIALISTS AND WHAT LEAD AGENCY WILL BE HOSTING.

12. FY1 THIS IS AN "AD HOC" VISIT STIMULATED BY CONTROVERSY IN U.S. OVER DESIRABILITY OF INTRODUCING THIS SPECIES INTO U.S. WATERS. U.S. TEAM WISHES TO OBTAIN INFO ON ECOLOGICAL IMPACTS OF THIS SPECIES WHERE UNCLASSIFIED

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IT ALREADY OCCURS. AT PRESENT THIS AND OTHER "AQUATIC ECOLOGY/FISH PRODUCTION" TYPE ACTIVITIES ARE NOT INCORPORATED INTO EXISTING US/USSR AGREEMENTS, I.E., ENVIRONMENT, SCI/TECH, ETC. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR VIEWS AS TO WHETHER MECHANICS OF ACTIVITIES SUCH AS THESE WOULD BE SIMPLIFIED OR COMPLICATED IF THEY WERE SO INCORPORATED.

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